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Brief Overview

- Degree: PhD in hand; dissertation in Middle English Literature, minor in Composition / Rhetoric
- Teaching experience: 7-1/2 years post-secondary (2 years at UNLV as a Graduate Assistant)
- Present employment: Present employment: Assistant professor of English and program head
- Foreign languages: Some Spanish, French, German, and Korean
- Willing to relocate: Yes, available summer 2012
- Citizenship: Canadian

Present Activities

I am currently preparing an article on Chaucer's "Wife of Bath's Tale" and working on publishing my dissertation in book form.

Education

- Ph.D. English Literature
UNLV, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
January 2007 – May 2011
Specialization: Chaucer and Composition / Rhetoric
Degree granted: May 2011
Dissertation: "Chaucer's Reading List: *Sir Thopas*,
Auchinleck, and Middle English Romances in
Translation."
Advisor: Dr. John Bowers, john.bowers@unlv.edu
- M.A. English Literature
Memorial University, St. John's NF, Canada
September 1997 – October 2001
Specialization: Old English
Degree granted: October 2001
Thesis: "It's About Time: Kingship and the Character in
a Contemporary *Beowulf*"
Advisor: Dr. William Schipper, schipper@mun.ca
- Honors B.A. Equivalence
Memorial University, St. John's NF, Canada
September 1994 – April 1997
University of Montana, Missoula, Montana
January 1993 - May 1993
- B.Ed. Program
University of Alberta, Edmonton AB, Canada
September 1995 - April 1996

- B.A. English
Concordia College, Edmonton AB, Canada
September 1987 - April 1991
Degree granted: April 28, 1990
Major: English Literature. Minor: History.

Teaching Experience

- Assistant English Professor, Keimyung Adams College, Keimyung University, Daegu, Korea, September 2009 –
 - I teach composition, reading, and communication skills for International Relations and International Business majors in an elite all-English college. I also serve on thesis committees and act as informal head of the college's English support program. In addition, I designed and maintain the college's English website at <http://keimyungadams.kmu.ac.kr> and create online video and textual materials.
 - Courses taught: Academic Writing I & II; Communication Skills I & II; Professional Reading I & II; Thesis Writing (Seniors); Managing University Life (Online); Business Applications.
- Graduate Assistant, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, January 2007 – July 2009.
 - Writing center consultant, January 2007 – December 2008.
 - Held workshops for ESL and native speaking undergraduates, maintained the writing center's web site at <http://writingcenter.unlv.edu>, and redesigned the center's student handouts. Contact: Dr. Patrice Hollrah, patrice.hollrah@unlv.edu or 702-895-2600.
 - Courses taught: Composition I & II; World Literature up to the Renaissance; Middle English Literature.
 - Contact: Ruby Fowler, ruby.fowler@unlv.edu, 702-895-4186, or Dr. John Bowers, john.bowers@unlv.edu, 702-895-3467.
- English Instructor, Korea National University of Education, Gangnae, Korea, December 2003 – December 2006.
 - Taught English conversation and composition in an intensive English program for Korean English teachers.
 - Generated text and video materials and participated in field trips, faculty meetings, and other extra-curricular activities
 - Contact: (Korea) +82-43-233-4516.
- ESL Teacher, ESS English Institute, Busan, Korea, February 2003 – December 2003.
 - Taught small classes of adults English conversation with an emphasis on basic grammar and usage. Contact: (Ted) Kim Tae Kyun, Director, (Korea) +82-51-257-3355.
- ESL & TOEFL Teacher, ABC English School, Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico, January 2002 – December 2002.
 - Taught teenagers, adults, and company employees in addition to TOEFL preparation. Contact: Martin Gomez Valadez, Director, mgomez@abcenglish.com.mx or (Mexico) +11-52-29-782-23981.

- Digital Lead Intern, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, January 2001 – July 2001.
 - Supervised a staff in the creation of an online image archive for Alberta government documents in the university library system. Contact: Catherine Steeves, ITS Operations Manager, catherine.steeves@ualberta.ca or 780- 492-6653.

Awards & Professional Activities

- Recipient of UNLV Graduate Student Access Scholarship Award (January 2008).
- Member of Golden Key International Honor Society (Joined 2008).
- Recipient of Memorial University of Newfoundland Harlow-Bowring scholarship (1998). Traveled to Essex, UK for thesis research in London and Edinburgh, October – December 1998.

Publications & Conferences

- “Christian Purgatory and Redemption in Juan Rulfo’s *Pedro Páramo*.” *Asian Journal of Latin American Studies* 24:4 (2011)
- “Using Old English to Teach the Articles *a* and *the* in the Classroom.” *TESOL Review* (December 2011).
- “Evasion and the Unsaid in Kazuo Ishiguro’s *A Pale View of Hills*.” *Partial Answers* 10:1 (2012).
- “The End of Everything.” *The Truth About the Fact: International Journal of Literary Nonfiction* 5:1 (Spring 2010).
- “The Evolution of Mean: Satire in the American Elections of 1980 and 2008 Compared.” *Popular Culture Review* 16 (Winter 2010). Read at the Far West Popular Culture and American Culture Associations conference, Las Vegas NV, March 2009.
- Attended KOTESOL conference for English language educators in Seoul, October 2009.
- Read “Culture and Anglo-Saxonism in *Havelock the Dane*” at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 2009.
- “Exodus Inverted: A New Look at *The Grapes of Wrath*.” *Religion & the Arts* 13 (2009).

Other Skills and Experiences

- Some proficiency in Spanish, German, and Korean. Reading proficiency in French.
- Fluent in HTML page design, including Dreamweaver, Javascript, Flash and Html5 design.
- Fluent in graphics, sound, and video software packages and production.
- Personal and professional website at <http://keneckert.com>.
- Writing video series at <http://keneckert.com/kac>; Medieval English at <http://keneckert.com/english>

References

- Dr. John Bowers, English professor, UNLV Las Vegas, john.bowers@unlv.edu or 702-895-3467.
- Dr. Jacquie Elkouz, Writing center assistant director, UNLV Las Vegas, elkouz@unlv.nevada.edu or 702-895-3908.
- Dr. Richard Harp, English professor and graduate coordinator, UNLV Las Vegas, richard.harp@unlv.edu or 702-895-0919.
- Dr. Roy Partain, former dean of Keimyung Adams College, parang2@mac.com.
- Dr. Peter Edwards, English professor, Kansai Gaidai University, Osaka, Japan, drpaedwards@gmail.com